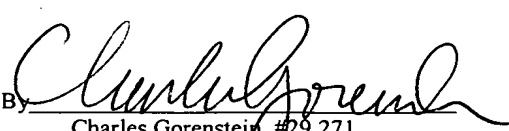


FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 10-2003)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1248-0727PUS1	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">10/500276</div>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/09504		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 25, 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED July 29, 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION VOLUME ADJUSTING DEVICE, DIGITAL AMPLIFIER, AND DIGITAL SIGNAL REPRODUCTION DEVICE					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <div style="text-align: center;">ISHIZAKI, Hiroyuki</div>					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. WO 2004/015855 c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been submitted to the Internal Bureau (See Box VIII-4-1 of the Request (PCT/R0/101), copy attached). The Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent and Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) Showing Chain of Title are: <input type="checkbox"/> attached hereto. <input type="checkbox"/> will follow. 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 					
Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form PTO-1449(s), and International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) with 9 cited document(s). 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: PCT/IB/304 PCT/IB/308 Eleven (11) sheets of Formal Drawings 					

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO. \$1,080.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$920.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO. \$770.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). \$730.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). \$100.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				CALCULATIONS		PTO USE ONLY	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$			
CLAIMS		NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	
Total Claims		5 - 20 =		0		X \$18.00	
Independent Claims		2 - 3 =		0		X \$86.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) No				+ \$290.00		\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$		920.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$			
SUBTOTAL =				\$		920.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(f)).				+		\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$		920.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+		\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$		960.00	
				Amount to be:			
				refunded		\$	
				charged		\$ 960.00	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$960.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.							
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account. No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.							
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.							
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.							
Send all correspondence to: Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP or Customer No. 02292 P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, VA 22040-0747 (703) 205-8000							
Date: <u>June 29, 2004</u>				By:  Charles Gorenstein, #29,271			
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